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Attorney's Docket No. 9250.7

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Tejjidor, et al.

Serial No.: 09/698,589

Filed: October 27, 2000

For: *A REAGENT AND KIT FOR DETERMINING GLOBAL COAGULABILITY AND HEMOSTATIC POTENTIAL*

Group Art Unit: 1641

Examiner: Gailene Gabel

September 26, 2002

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of March 28, 2002

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 52-82, without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application thereon.

Please enter the following amended claims:

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A1  
1 (amended). A reagent for an assay to determine a hemostatic potential of a blood or plasma sample, said reagent comprising a coagulation activator wherein said coagulation activator is present at a concentration level within a range sufficient to trigger a thrombin formation but insufficient to result in a complete fibrin polymerization of said blood or plasma sample wherein said reagent may be utilized to assess a hypocoaguable, normal or hypercoaguable condition in a single assay.

5 (amended). The reagent of claim 1, wherein the reagent indicates a sample to be any of hypocoagulable, normal or hypercoagulable, depending upon the condition of the patient from which the sample was taken.

A2  
6 (amended). The reagent of claim 1, wherein the reagent indicates a patient, from which the sample was taken, to have any of thrombotic tendency, hemorrhagic tendency, or stasis, depending on the patient.